

Table I.A.1.a(1998) Percent of number of private-sector establishments by firm size and selected characteristics: United States, 1998

| Characteristics | Total | Less than 10 employees | 10 - 24 employees | 25 - 99 employees | 100-999 employees | 1000 or more employees | Less than 50 employees | 50 or more employees |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| United States | 6, 197, 685 | 60. 7% | 12. 3% | 8. 4% | 6. 3% | 12. 4% | 78. 1% | 21. 9% |
| Industry group | | | | | | | | |
| Agric., fish., forest. | 260, 716 | 86. 8% | 7. 3% | 3. 7% | 1. 0% | 1. 1% | 96. 8% | 3. 2% |
| Mining | 17, 094 | 36. 9% | 10. 3% * | 8. 3% * | 16. 9% * | 27. 6% | 48. 7% | 51. 3% |
| Construction | 588, 896 | 78. 0% | 13. 2% | 6. 4% | 1. 7% | 0. 7% | 95. 6% | 4. 4% |
| Manufacturing | 334, 432 | 41. 5% | 19. 2% | 16. 8% | 10. 6% | 11. 9% | 70. 3% | 29. 7% |
| Transp., commu., util. | 216, 827 | 47. 2% | 11. 8% | 8. 9% | 6. 5% | 25. 6% | 64. 9% | 35. 1% |
| Wholesale trade | 396, 816 | 53. 4% | 13. 8% | 12. 1% | 7. 1% | 13. 6% | 75. 2% | 24. 8% |
| Retail trade | 1, 433, 036 | 48. 4% | 13. 3% | 9. 2% | 7. 6% | 21. 5% | 67. 4% | 32. 6% |
| Fin., ins., real est. | 572, 281 | 54. 0% | 6. 8% | 5. 9% | 8. 0% | 25. 4% | 63. 8% | 36. 2% |
| Services | 2, 367, 153 | 67. 6% | 12. 3% | 7. 7% | 5. 9% | 6. 4% | 84. 5% | 15. 5% |
| Unknown | 10, 433 | 99. 9% | ***** | ***** | 0. 1% * | ***** | 99. 9% | 0. 1% * |
| Ownership | | | | | | | | |
| For profit, incorporated | 3, 859, 827 | 50. 7% | 14. 8% | 10. 3% | 7. 3% | 17. 0% | 71. 8% | 28. 2% |
| For profit, unincorporated | 1, 598, 467 | 87. 3% | 7. 3% | 2. 8% | 1. 8% | 0. 8% | 96. 5% | 3. 5% |
| Nonprofit | 636, 262 | 61. 5% | 12. 2% | 11. 8% | 10. 8% | 3. 7% | 80. 4% | 19. 6% |
| Unknown | 103, 128 | 15. 3% | ***** | 2. 5% | 10. 1% | 72. 1% | 15. 7% | 84. 3% |
| Age of firm | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 5 years | 1, 057, 330 | 81. 5% | 10. 8% | 4. 9% | 1. 5% | 1. 3% | 96. 0% | 4. 0% |
| 5-9 years | 1, 003, 144 | 76. 6% | 13. 1% | 6. 3% | 3. 2% | 0. 8% | 93. 9% | 6. 1% |
| 10-19 years | 1, 487, 930 | 69. 5% | 14. 7% | 8. 6% | 4. 9% | 2. 3% | 89. 8% | 10. 2% |
| 20 or more years | 2, 121, 441 | 51. 2% | 13. 9% | 12. 3% | 10. 0% | 12. 5% | 72. 1% | 27. 9% |
| Unknown | 527, 839 | 1. 6% | 1. 0% | 3. 1% | 10. 3% | 84. 0% | 3. 4% | 96. 6% |
| Multi/single status | | | | | | | | |
| 2 or more locations | 1, 501, 112 | 3. 2% | 7. 3% | 15. 2% | 23. 2% | 51. 0% | 17. 8% | 82. 2% |
| 1 location only | 4, 696, 573 | 79. 0% | 13. 9% | 6. 2% | 0. 8% | ***** | 97. 4% | 2. 6% |
| Percent full-time employees | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 25% | 692, 879 | 79. 3% | 9. 7% | 5. 8% | 3. 2% | 2. 1% | 92. 8% | 7. 2% |
| 25-49% | 410, 562 | 53. 5% | 14. 6% | 8. 1% | 7. 7% | 16. 1% | 73. 1% | 26. 9% |
| 50-74% | 919, 869 | 65. 4% | 11. 9% | 6. 7% | 6. 0% | 10. 1% | 81. 6% | 18. 4% |
| 75% or more | 4, 174, 375 | 57. 2% | 12. 7% | 9. 2% | 6. 7% | 14. 2% | 75. 4% | 24. 6% |
| Union presence | | | | | | | | |
| No union employees | 5, 612, 659 | 63. 5% | 12. 8% | 8. 5% | 6. 2% | 9. 0% | 81. 5% | 18. 5% |
| Has union employees | 270, 464 | 25. 0% | 9. 6% | 9. 5% | 8. 9% | 47. 1% | 38. 9% | 61. 1% |
| Unknown | 314, 562 | 41. 2% | 6. 0% | 5. 0% | 5. 8% | 42. 0% | 50. 6% | 49. 4% |
| Percent low-wage employees | | | | | | | | |
| 50% or more low wage | 934, 886 | 66. 9% | 13. 2% | 8. 2% | 6. 5% | 5. 3% | 85. 4% | 14. 6% |
| Less than 50% low wage | 4, 462, 099 | 65. 5% | 13. 8% | 9. 4% | 6. 1% | 5. 1% | 85. 1% | 14. 9% |
| Unknown | 800, 700 | 26. 3% | 3. 0% | 2. 9% | 6. 7% | 61. 0% | 30. 9% | 69. 1% |

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Cost and Financing Studies. 1998 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey - Insurance Component.

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Percents may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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| Characteristics | Total | Less than 10 employees | 10 - 24 employees | 25 - 99 employees | 100-999 employees | 1000 or more employees | Less than 50 employees | 50 or more employees |
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| United States | 40,508 | 0.43% | 0.18% | 0.18% | 0.14% | 0.27% | 0.35% | 0.35% |
| Industry group | | | | | | | | |
| Agric., fish., forest. | 9,644 | 0.88% | 0.67% | 0.59% | 0.24% | 0.25% | 0.60% | 0.60% |
| Mining | 2,785 | 6.98% | 4.16% * | 2.63% * | 5.79% * | 5.15% | 8.28% | 8.28% |
| Construction | 12,186 | 0.57% | 0.53% | 0.34% | 0.20% | 0.12% | 0.30% | 0.30% |
| Manufacturing | 8,149 | 1.24% | 1.01% | 0.48% | 0.77% | 0.67% | 1.39% | 1.39% |
| Transp., commu., util. | 9,891 | 2.36% | 1.38% | 1.13% | 0.78% | 2.15% | 2.14% | 2.14% |
| Wholesale trade | 13,143 | 1.67% | 0.90% | 1.56% | 0.75% | 1.19% | 1.33% | 1.33% |
| Retail trade | 24,659 | 1.01% | 0.31% | 0.41% | 0.31% | 0.70% | 0.87% | 0.87% |
| Fin., ins., real est. | 17,784 | 1.03% | 0.57% | 0.77% | 0.76% | 0.99% | 1.08% | 1.08% |
| Services | 17,062 | 0.55% | 0.40% | 0.23% | 0.26% | 0.41% | 0.28% | 0.28% |
| Unknown | 2,407 | 10.70% | ***** | ***** | 1.91% * | ***** | 10.70% | 1.91% * |
| Ownership | | | | | | | | |
| For profit, incorporated | 42,949 | 0.57% | 0.28% | 0.25% | 0.17% | 0.47% | 0.58% | 0.58% |
| For profit, unincorporated | 19,296 | 0.51% | 0.24% | 0.23% | 0.21% | 0.12% | 0.26% | 0.26% |
| Nonprofit | 12,374 | 0.53% | 0.75% | 0.49% | 0.38% | 0.28% | 0.30% | 0.30% |
| Unknown | 7,324 | 2.35% | ***** | 0.44% | 1.51% | 2.97% | 2.32% | 2.32% |
| Age of firm | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 5 years | 28,101 | 0.81% | 0.68% | 0.29% | 0.18% | 0.11% | 0.22% | 0.22% |
| 5-9 years | 14,476 | 0.92% | 0.62% | 0.42% | 0.47% | 0.12% | 0.55% | 0.55% |
| 10-19 years | 16,988 | 0.76% | 0.50% | 0.34% | 0.30% | 0.22% | 0.38% | 0.38% |
| 20 or more years | 33,652 | 0.78% | 0.35% | 0.39% | 0.31% | 0.72% | 0.76% | 0.76% |
| Unknown | 11,087 | 0.38% | 0.16% | 0.38% | 0.38% | 0.62% | 0.51% | 0.51% |
| Multi/single status | | | | | | | | |
| 2 or more locations | 24,835 | 0.40% | 0.43% | 0.58% | 0.62% | 0.63% | 0.50% | 0.50% |
| 1 location only | 35,954 | 0.31% | 0.29% | 0.12% | 0.04% | ***** | 0.08% | 0.08% |
| Percent full-time employees | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 25% | 21,411 | 0.89% | 0.31% | 0.45% | 0.36% | 0.32% | 0.65% | 0.65% |
| 25-49% | 16,191 | 2.11% | 1.29% | 0.56% | 0.48% | 1.39% | 1.52% | 1.52% |
| 50-74% | 19,672 | 0.99% | 0.37% | 0.36% | 0.28% | 0.70% | 0.70% | 0.70% |
| 75% or more | 34,906 | 0.53% | 0.23% | 0.27% | 0.24% | 0.26% | 0.38% | 0.38% |
| Union presence | | | | | | | | |
| No union employees | 37,022 | 0.41% | 0.20% | 0.19% | 0.15% | 0.27% | 0.31% | 0.31% |
| Has union employees | 19,687 | 1.93% | 1.02% | 0.60% | 1.09% | 1.84% | 2.33% | 2.33% |
| Unknown | 10,170 | 2.05% | 0.68% | 0.68% | 0.78% | 2.34% | 2.32% | 2.32% |
| Percent low-wage employees | | | | | | | | |
| 50% or more low wage | 23,972 | 1.06% | 0.69% | 0.38% | 0.46% | 0.55% | 0.81% | 0.81% |
| Less than 50% low wage | 41,301 | 0.44% | 0.28% | 0.23% | 0.14% | 0.27% | 0.32% | 0.32% |
| Unknown | 14,040 | 1.05% | 0.26% | 0.30% | 0.32% | 1.18% | 1.09% | 1.09% |

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